

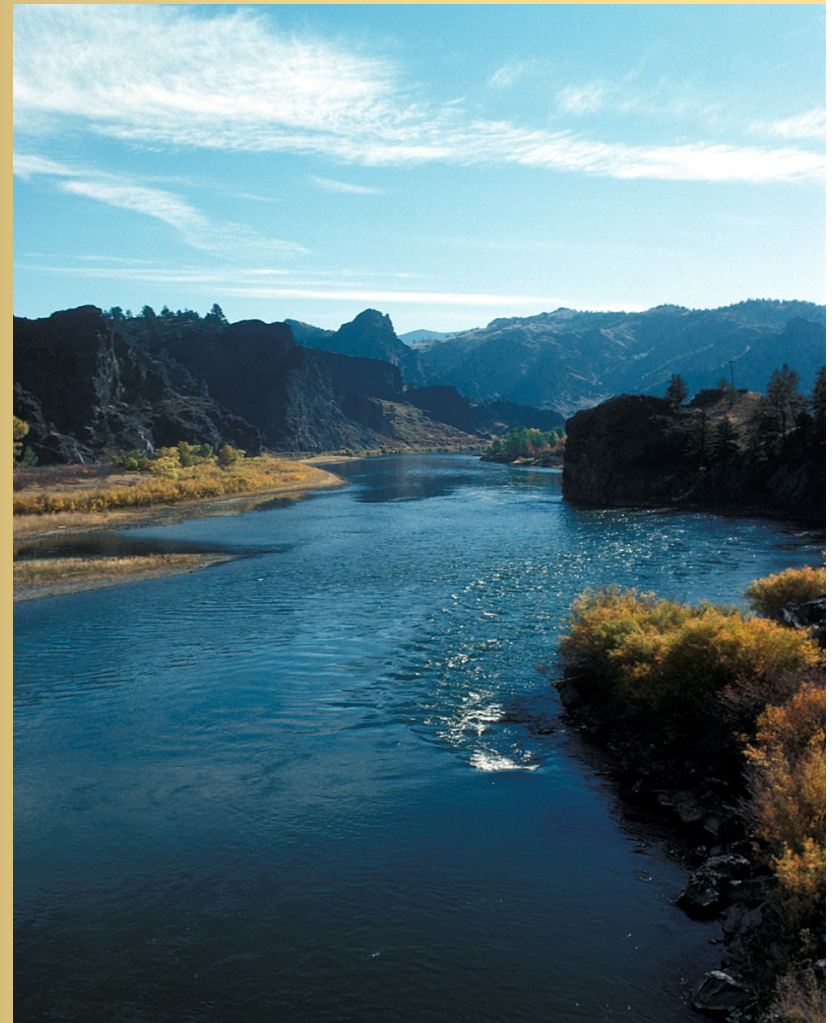


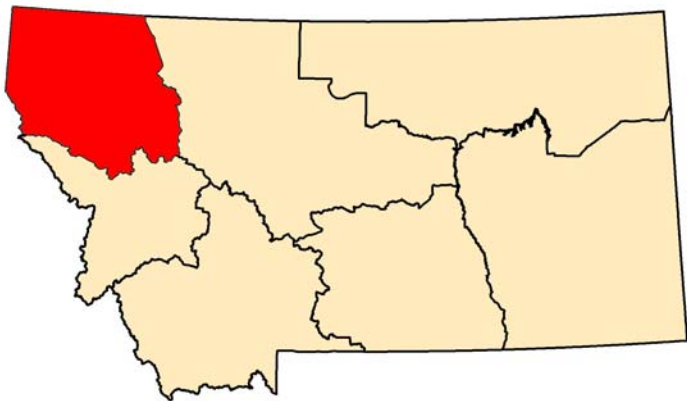
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FWP Drought Response

- FWP has placed no calls on junior water rights as stream flow has generally remained at or above instream water right levels.
- No fishing restrictions have been enacted.

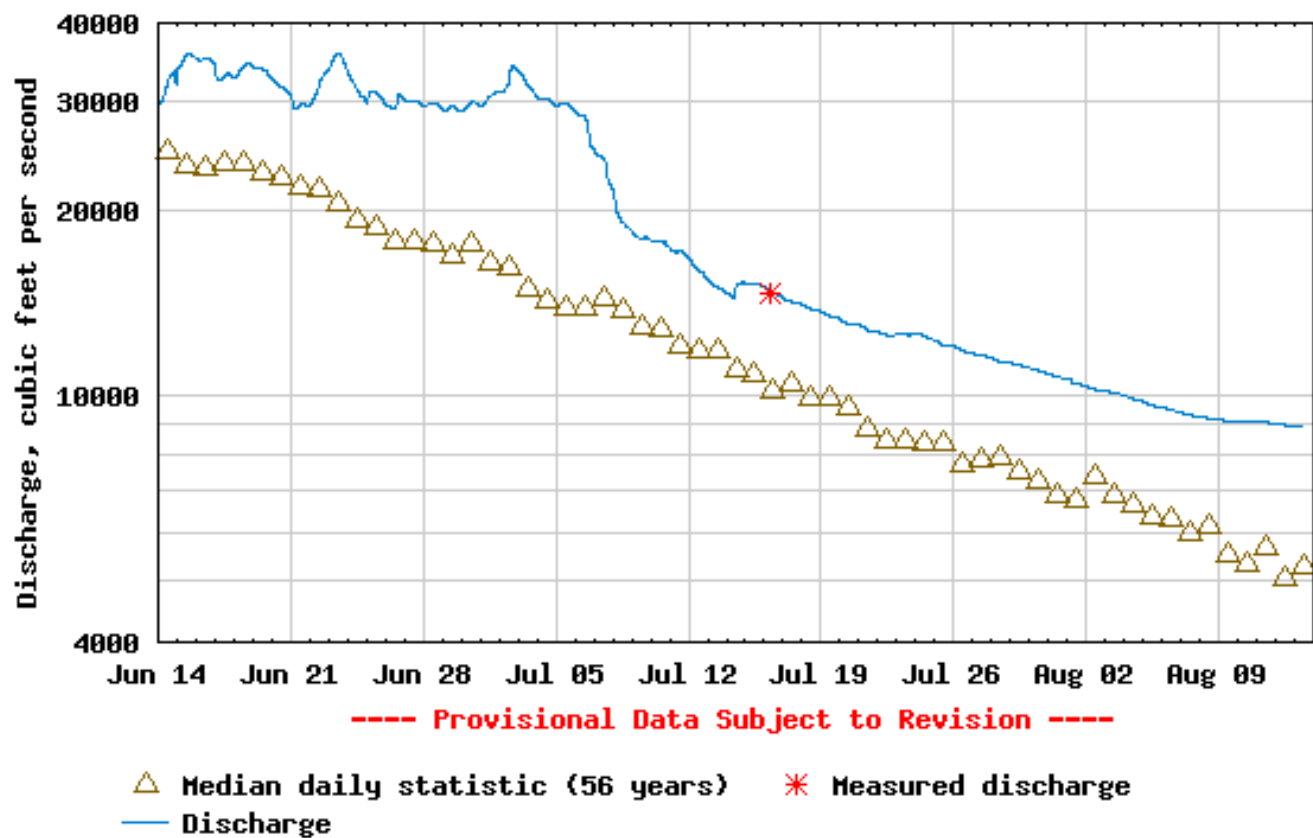




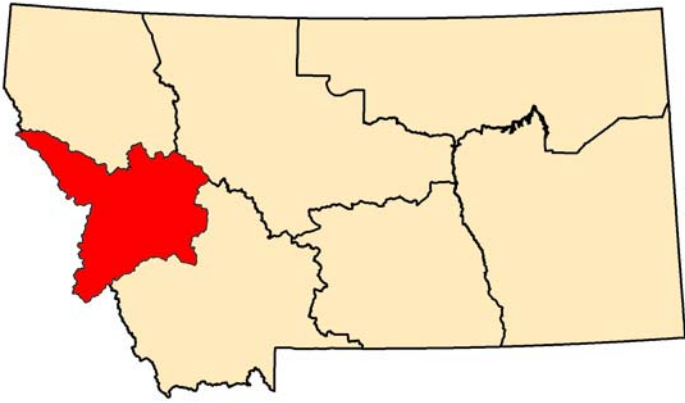
Region 1 - Kalispell



USGS 12363000 Flathead River at Columbia Falls MT



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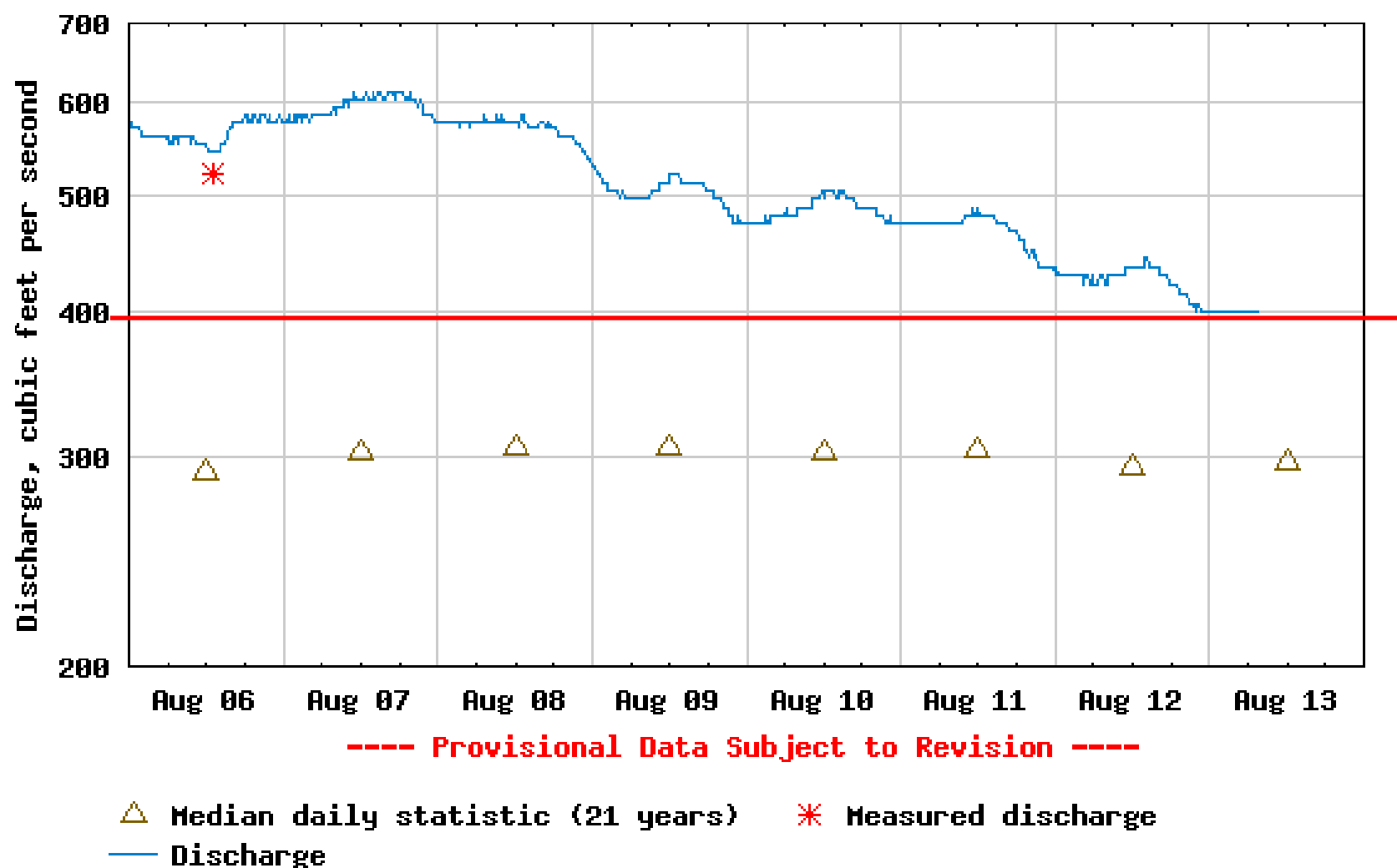


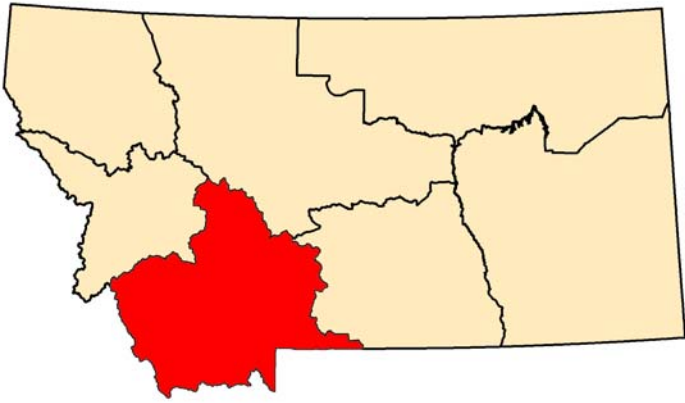
Region 2 - Missoula

- Releases from Painted Rocks Reservoir in support of fishery flows in the Bitterroot River have begun. If possible flows are kept at or above 400 cfs.



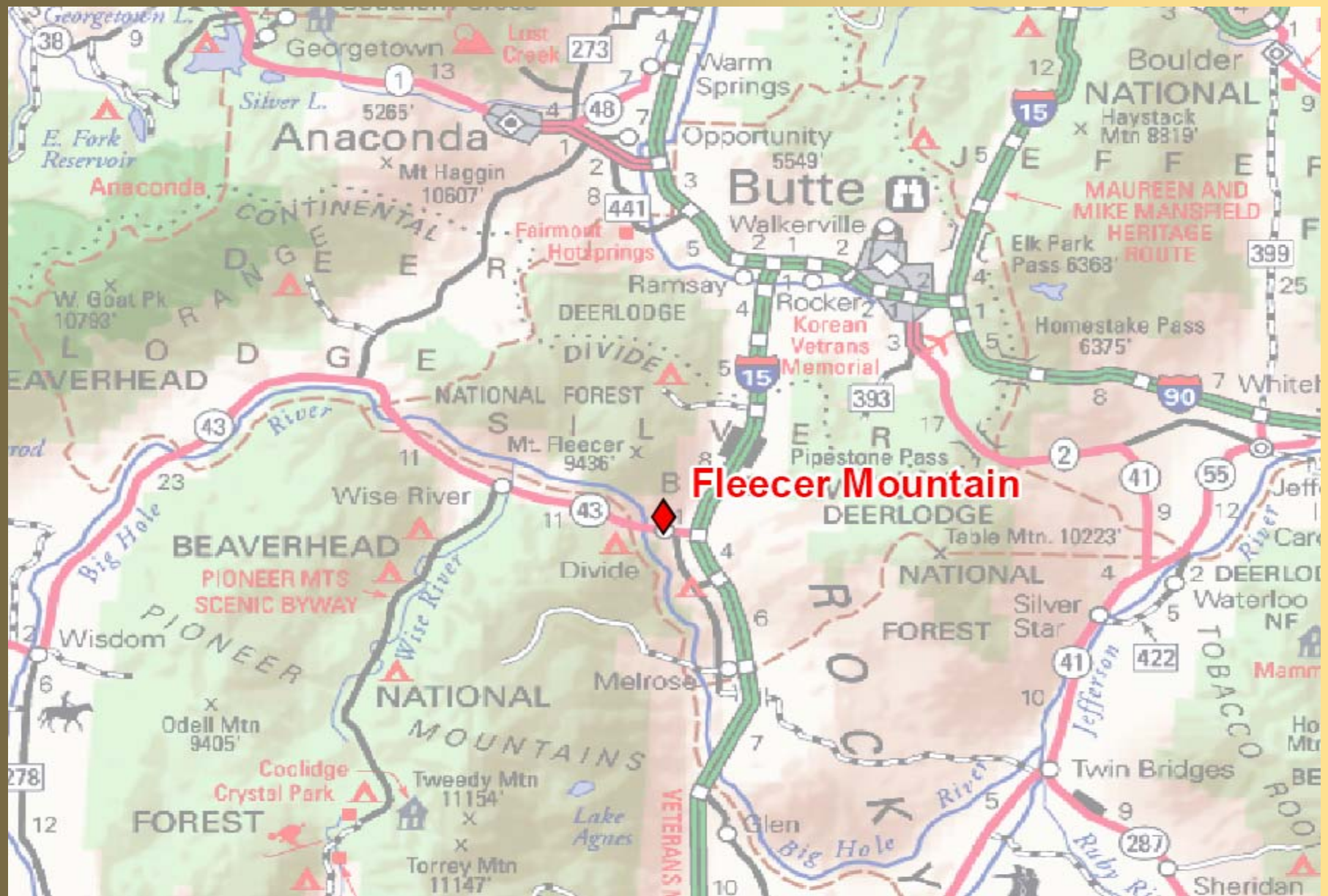
USGS 12350250 Bitterroot River at Bell Crossing nr Victor MT





Region 3 - Bozeman

- Fleecer Mountain WMA temporarily closed (Aug. 1- 4) due to Pump Station Fire burning in the immediate area.
- A 1.2-mile stretch of the Big Hole River from Silver Bridge to Divide Bridge near Divide was temporarily closed (Aug. 1- 4) to all boating, floating and swimming to allow for helicopters to dip water for firefighting efforts.

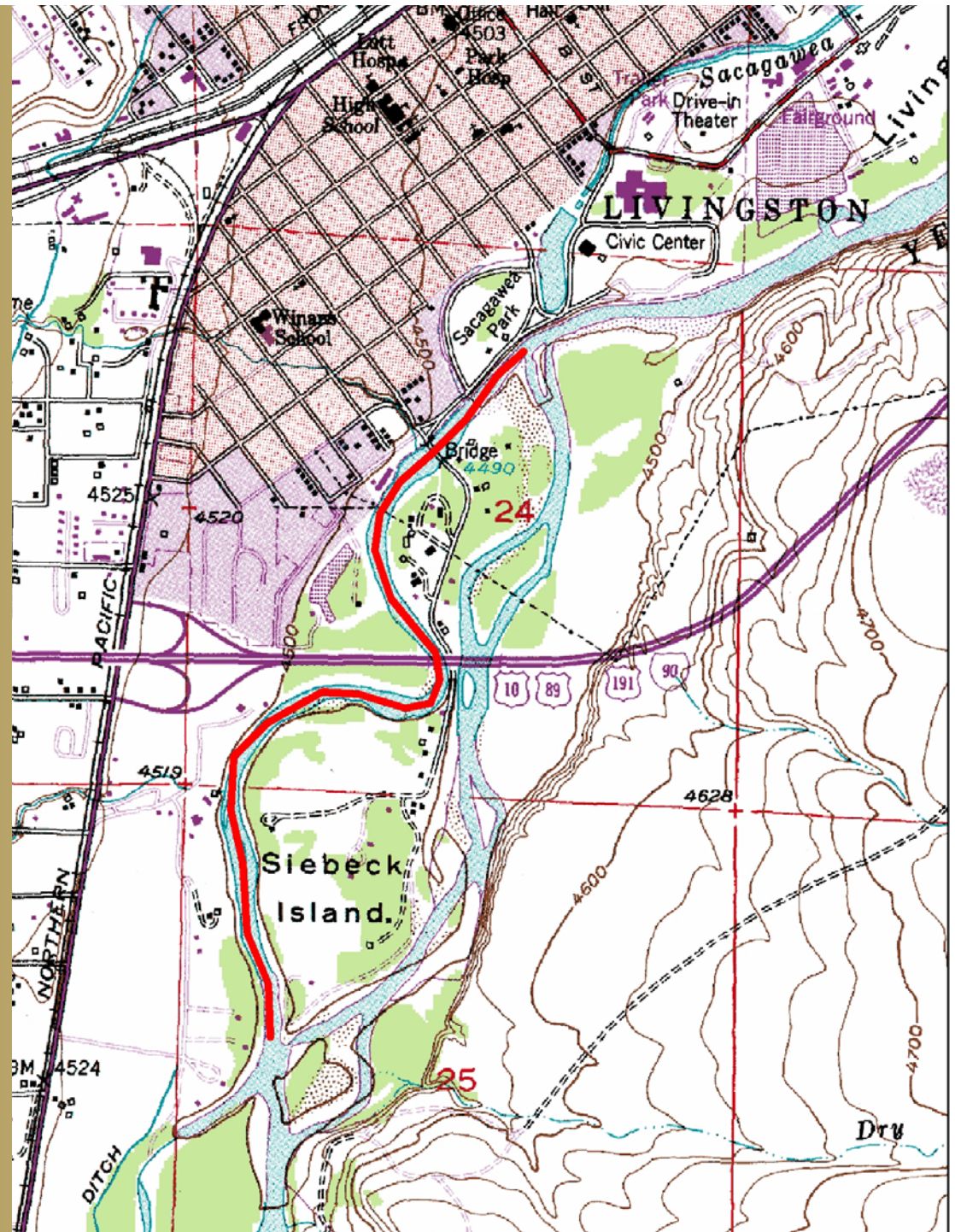


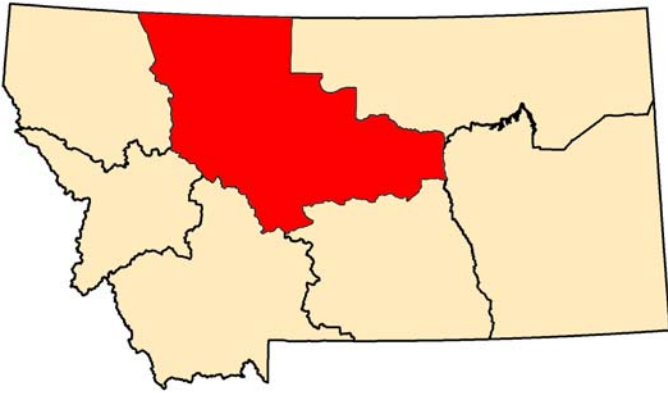
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- West channel of Yellowstone River currently closed in area of 9th Street Bridge.
- The damaged bridge and debris on the bridge presents a hazard to floaters.





Region 4 – Great Falls

- Reservoir levels higher than expected for Martinsdale, Bair, Ackely Lake, Bynum, Eureka, Tiber and other reservoirs.
- Fish plants that were initially cancelled due to low water levels in some reservoirs were reinstated.
- Closure of Forest Service Lands in area of Russian Flats Fire.

RUSSIAN FLAT FIRE**AREA CLOSURE MAP**

AREA CLOSURE

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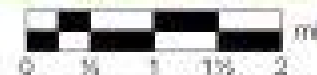


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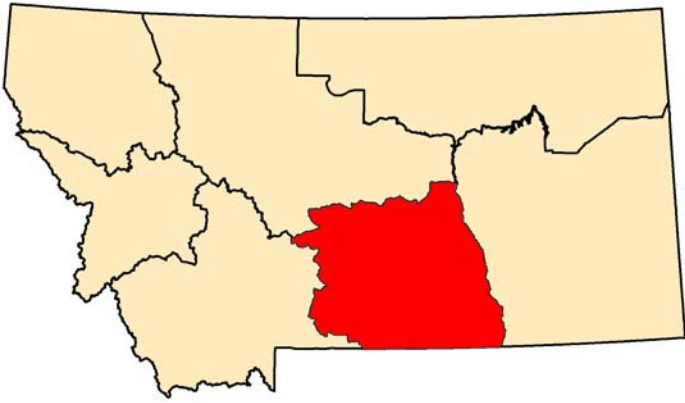
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Stage 1 Fire Restrictions

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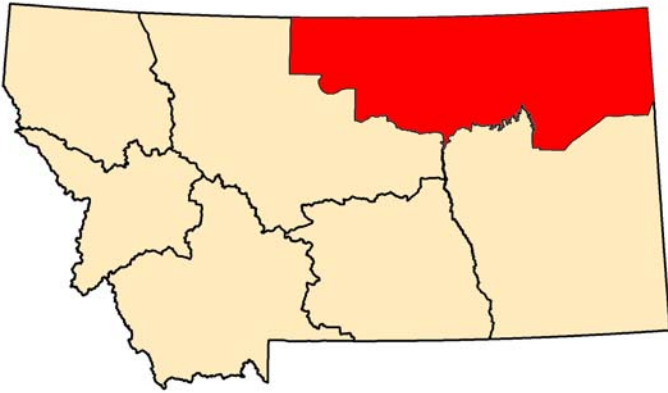
1. Building, maintaining, attending, or using a fire or campfire.
2. Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or building, a developed recreation site or while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable materials.

Exception: Devices solely fueled by liquid petroleum or LPG fuels that can be turned on and off. Such devices can only be used in an area that is barren or cleared of all overhead and surrounding flammable materials within 3 feet of the device



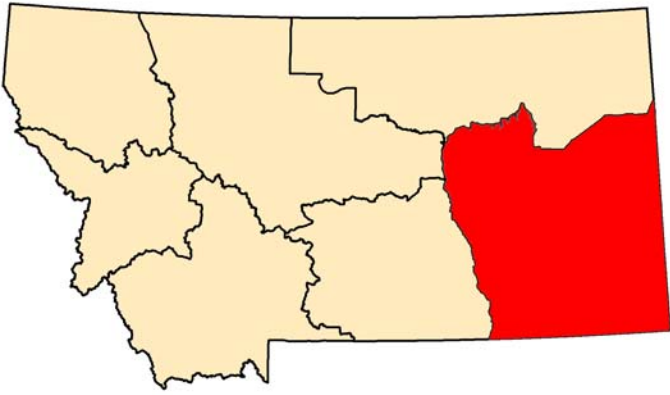
Region 5 - Billings

- Stage 1 fire restrictions in Yellowstone, Musselshell, Stillwater, Carbon and Sweet Grass Counties.
- Yellowtail Dam releases to Bighorn River reduced to 2500 cfs the minimum desirable fishery level and likely to remain at 2500 cfs or more through the winter.



Region 6 – Glasgow

- Stage 1 fire restrictions in Daniels, Sheridan and Roosevelt Counties.
- Fort Peck Lake at approximate elevation of 2210 ft (msl) at end of July. This is 8 feet higher than this time last year and 10 feet higher than this past winter but still down 24 feet from the normal elevation of 2234 ft (msl).



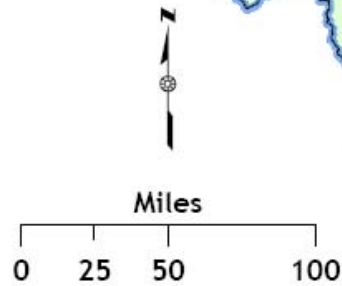
Region 7 – Miles City

- Stage 1 Fire Restrictions in Big Horn and Treasure Counties.
- Open fires are allowed at **Tongue River Reservoir State Park** in developed areas within a metal fire ring.



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- ▶ Visit a FWP Site: State Park, Fishing Access Site, Hatchery, or Wildlife Management Area
- ▶ Animal Field Guide
- ▶ Hunt Planner
- ▶ Fishing Guide

State Parks

- ▶ August Programs at Travelers' Rest
- ▶ Buffalo Vic Smith Program on August 15
- ▶ Visit a State Park
- ▶ State Parks Store

For Anglers

- ▶ 2009 Tentative Fishing Regulations
- ▶ Fishing Roundup
- ▶ Kids' Fishin' Holes
- ▶ Native Mystery Mussels

For Hunters

- ▶ 2008 Surplus License List
- ▶ Archery Changes
- ▶ 2008-09 Hunting Regulations
- ▶ 2008 Hunting Seasons
- ▶ Game Damage Roster

Recreation

- ▶ Fire Restrictions
- ▶ Get your 2008 Boat Decals
- ▶ Blackfoot River Plans
- ▶ Smith River Floating

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- ▶ Conservation in Action
- ▶ Be Bear Aware
- ▶ Streamside Planning Help

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- ▶ Discover Montana's Ecosystems

Headlines

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- ▶ Montana Outdoors Wins Top State Conservation Magazine Award
- ▶ FWP Seeks Comment On Elk Proposals

Recent Public Notices

- ▶ Jumping Creek Westslope Cutthroat Trout Rehabilitation
- ▶ Freeman Roadside Menagerie Decision
- ▶ Proposed Tentative 2008 Late Season Migratory Bird Regulations
- ▶ Bozeman Rifle Club - Greenway Range

Related Web Sites

- ▶ FWP Foundation
- ▶ Federal, State and Local Agencies
- ▶ Sport & Conservation
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